

BAGEL SHOPS ACQUIRED: Progressive Bagel Concepts Inc., a venture backed by Golden-based Boston Chicken Inc., has acquired 15 bagel shops in Southern California. San Diego-based Baltimore Bagel Co. merged its stores in San Diego and Orange County into PBCI, effective immediately. The merger comes less than a week after PBCI purchased nine Bagel Stop stores in the Denver area. The two transactions boost PBCI's store count to 54 stores in Illinois, Colorado, Missouri, Kansas, Florida, Utah and California. Terms of the transactions were not released.